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DEPT PASS CAIRO

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, TC

SUBJ: VISIT OF RULER RAS AL KHAIMAH TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. SHAIKH SAQR AL-QASMI, RULER, OF RAS AL KHAIMAH, AND DELEGATION INCLUDING CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH KHALID BIN SAQR, PAID FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 8-12; THEY WERE RECEIVED BY KING FAISAL, PRINCE FAHD AND OTHER KEY MEMBERS SAUDI HIERARCHY. PRINCE FAHD BADE HIM FAREWELL AT AIRPORT.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH JIDDA DAILY UKAZ PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE, CONFIDENTIAL

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KHAIKH SAQR PRAISED SAUDI ARABIA'S PROGRESS AND THANKED

SAG FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT PROVIDING RAK.
RULER ALSO REVEALED, FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICLY, FACT THAT
SAUDI ARABIA IS PROVIDING ADVISERS IN PUBLIC SECURITY
FUNCTIONS.

3. SAQR DEFTLY PASSED THE BUCK ON THE GULF ISLANDS ISSUE,
NOTING, AS IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE ARAB LEAGUE, IT WAS
NOW THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT: BY MEANS OF SAQR VISIT SAUDIS HAVE AGAIN SHOWN
THEIR INTENT MAINTAIN SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH RAS AL
KHAIMAH. SAUDI GAME IS NOT PARTICULARLY HELPFUL ONE IN
TERMS OF UAE UNITY NOR AS REGARDS ITS EFFECT ON ANYONE'S
HOPES FOR LESSENING SAUDI DIFFERENCES WITH SHAIKH ZAYID.
FROM HERE WE UNABLE JUDGE INTENSITY OF RAK DISSATISFACTION
WITH SKAIKH ZAYID AND HENCE UNABLE ASSESS VALIDITY OF
PRINCIPAL SAUDI EXCUSE: THAT IF SHAIKH SAQR DID NOT SECURE
HELP FROM SAG HE WOULD INEVITABLY TURN TO LIBYANS,
IRAQIS OR WORSE.

5. WE KNOW SOME SEVEN SAG SECURITY ADVISERS HAVE BEEN IN
RAK AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO USAID/OPS IN RIYADH IT SHOULD
AVOID CAREFULLY INVOLVEMENT IN SAG PUBLIC SECURITY EFFORT
FOR RAK.
THACHER

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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